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Title: Need to bring coastline of Karnataka under Coastal Regulation Zone Category II restricting the CRZ area of enforcement within 200 meters from the shoreline- Laid.

SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI) : The Centre has enforced Coastal Zone Regulation scheme all over the coastal States to protect the ecological balance of the shoreline. Presently the coastline of Karnataka comprising of Dakshina Kannada. Udupi and Uttara Kannada districts has been brought under Category-III of the CRZ, preventing development of tourism related projects and settlement of fishermen community within 500 meters of the shoreline.

Kanrataka's tourism potential rests to large extent on the existing tourism infrastructure along with coastline, especially beach resorts like Gokarna, Maravanthe and Malpe as also many temples located along the shoreline. Developmental works on this is being hindered by the CRZ as also the State Government 's plans to construct group housing for the fishermen community.

Without compromising on the ecological aspects while furthering the interests of both tourism and fishermen community. I would urge the Centre to bring the State's coastline under CRZ − Category-II restricting the CRZ area of enforcement only within 200 meters from the shoreline.